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IRREGULARITIES IN FINALISATION OF TENDERS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Department of Telecommunications (DoT) had invited tenders for procurement of new technology exchanges as brought in the comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) report for the year 1999;

(b) if so, the irregularities noticed in the finalisation of the tenders; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to curb them and bring transparency in DoT

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Audit has observed some irregularities such as, incorrect assessment of import content, delay in finalisation etc. for New Technology Tenders. All the observations/issues raised by audit were examined and reply was sent to the Audit indicating that there has been no irregularities in finalisation of New Technology tenders.

(c) Procurement procedures of New Technology Equipment has already been modified and streamlined. Vendors are asked to quote import content in their Bids and Bill of Material is finalised prior to the opening of tender for expeditious evaluation and to bring transparency.